imports of crude oil as reported in the 'Times of India' dated 27th June, 1988;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what are the reasons for the stagnation; and

(d) what steps are to be taken or proposed to be taken by Government to improve the oil production in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHMA DUTT): (a) to (d) Production of crude oil has not beeen stagnant. Domestic crude production during the 7th Plan period will be considerably higher than during the 6th plan period. However, the degree of dependence on imported crude oil is increasing as the consumption of petroleum products is growing at a rate faster than the rate if increase in domestic production.

The following steps have been taken to increase crude production:—

(i) Intensification of exploration.

(ii) Intensification of work-over operations.

(iii) Use of enhanced oil recovery techniques.

(iv) Induction of advanced technology.

Relief for glass industry

490. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal is under Government's consideration for single window redressal of problems and clearances for the glass industry; and

(b) whether any releief is being contemplated for the glass industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Government has already introduced system of single window clearance in the Secretariat for Industrial Approvals by setting up Project Approval Board for clearing composite cases of letters of intent, capital goods and foreign collaboration. Special Approval Committee (NRI) provides single window clearance in respect of NRI cases

Similarly, there is single window clearance in respect of DGTD registrations for glass items which have been de-licenced under the Industrial Policy.

District Industries Centres which have been set up in 442 districts of the country aim at providing all the services and facilities to the entrepreneurs at one place for setting up small and village industries including glass industry.

(b) As a part of the Union budget 1988, the basic Central Excise duty on Glassware manufactured by semi-automati process was reduced from 40 per cent to 30 per cent *ad valorem* by notification 67/88-CE dated 1-3-1988. The excise duty on glass tableware used by the common man, namely, jugs, cups, plates; drinking glasses and bowls was also reduced to 20 per cent or 25 per cent *adv.*, depending on the process of manufacture, by the same notification.

Public sector units in Tripura

491. SHRI NARAYAN KAR: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there negligible growth of industry in North Eastern region, particularly in Tripura and

(b) what are the details of industries set up in the State so far, licence in respect of which have been issued by the Central Government?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) No, Sir. The total investmenet in terms of Gross

Block in Central public sector undertakings in Tripura as on 31st March, 1987 is Rs. 160.83 crores.

(b) There is no Central public sector undertaking with registered office in Tripura but units of 7 Central public sector undertakings are located in Tripura. One industrial licence has been issued by the Central Government during the years 1984—88 (upto June) in Tripura.

मध्य प्रदेश में अनुसूचित जनजातियों के लोगों को पेट्रोल पम्पों की एजेंसियों का आबंटन

492. **श्री कैलाशपति मिश्र :** क्या पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) इंडियन आयल कारपोरेशन द्वारा पेट्रोल पम्प की एजेंसियों के आवंटन के मामले में 30-10-1985 से 30 जून, 1988 तक की अवधि में मध्य प्रदेश के किन-किन जिलों में अनुसूचित जनजाति के लोगों को प्राथमिकता दी गई है ;

(ख) क्या मध्य प्रदेश के मुकमा कस्बे में आदिवासी कोटे के लिये रखा गया एक पेट्रोल पम्प किसी गैर आदिवासी व्यक्ति को आबंटित कर दिया गया है ; यदि हां, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ;

(ग) क्या सरकार आदिवासियों को डीलरशिप देने की अपनी घोषित नीति पर फिर से विचार करने का विचार कर रही है ; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री ब्रह्म दत्त) : (क) निर्धारित आरक्षण नीति के अनुसार इंडियन आयल कारपोरेशन ने 30 जून, 85 से 30 जून, 1988 तक की अवधि के दौरान मध्य प्रदेश में खारगोन, विदिशा, बस्तर और बिलासपुर जिले में अनुसूचित जनजाति वर्ग के व्यक्तियों को खुदरा डीलरशिपें दी।

(ख) डीलरशिप के आबंटन में आदिवासियो के लिये अलग से कोई आरक्षण नही है । इंडियन आयल कारपोरेशन ने अनुसूचित जनजाति वर्ग के अन्तर्गत एक खुदरा बिक्री केन्द्र 30 जनवरी, 1987 से चालू किया है ।

(ग) जी नही ।

(घ) प्रश्न ही नही उठता

Central assistance for Kothagudem Thermal Power Station

493. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Andhra Pradesh Government has sought Central assistance for renovation and modernisation of the 680 MW Kothagudem Thermal Power Station; and

(b) if so, what is Government's response to the request?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Renovation and modernisation of 680 MW Kothagudem Thermal Power Station is included in Centrally Sponsored R&M Programme. Against a Central loan component of Rs. 32.41 crores, an assistance to the tune of Rs. 22.33 crores has already been provided upto 31st March, 1988.

Village electrification of Pauri Garhwal district

494. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of villages electrified during 1987-88 in Pauri Garhwal district of Uttar Pradesh and the villages which are likely to be electrified during 1988-89;

(b) whether it is a fact that the amount earmarked for rural electrification in that district is being utilised elsewhere; and